nuguration Ball Much of a Dance.

WASHINGTON, December 3L-A vast deal of

cial Telegram to the Dispatch.

ural Gas and Opera.

It is becoming a stale statement to say that the Bijou theater is crowded. Last night there

were camp chairs in every corner of the theater into which they could be squeezed, and in a few places where they ought really not to be. The crowds just puzzled the management to provide for them. And it was this overflowing audience that Maggie Mitchell mastered in her old style; tickled them into shouts of laughter, sweeping them suddenly into tears before

sweeping them suddenly into tears before they knew it. It is wonderful to see Miss Mitchell run the gamut of the emotions and insist on her audience accompanying her. She was in splendid spirits last night, and in the girlish character of Ray in her new play fof that name, she was even more buoyant, more full of tricks and waggery than usual. The character of Ray is not a novelty. It is a variety of the Miss model, but prettily fitted for Maggie Mitchell. She dominates and inspires the play, and lends its crude and impossible story an air of truth. In every thing Miss Mitchell is not commendable. Her exaggerated and offensive valgarity in eating the lunch with her lover is a blunder which she ought not to be guilty of. Because it is true to nature, a very low and repulsive part of nature, it doesn't follow that Miss Mitchell is justified in resorting to it.

The play is really better finan the common run of dramas written about and around astar. Its plot includes the impossible, but it well brought to a finish, and the incidents of the riot and other climaxes are picturesque and bold. Mr. Charles Abbott and the company as a whole give Miss Mitchell a very adequate and praiseworthy support.

The Grand Opera House.

"Natural gas," with Donnelly and Girard

the leading roles, was presented at the Grand Opera House last evening. These clever comedians, with the aid of a fair company, succeeded in gaining the object for which this

coeded in gaining the object for which this musical farce comedy was constructed, that is, they make laughter run all the evening.

Mr. Donnelly, as Christopher Bluff, and Mr. Girard, as Whirlem O'Rourke, the model police officer, have both improved since their last appearance in this city, although some of their jokes are showing signs of old age. Their songs and imitations are still wonderfully good, and were, as usual, liberally applauded. Mr. Mark Sullivan, as Nois E. Howell, is a clever mimic, but he is not much more. Ben Collins gave us a reminder of the old ways of minstrelsy, with a good deal of success. Sheer uonsense can be made very laughable by such a man as Mr. Collins, but it is quite possible to give an audience too much of nonsense. The Kitty Malone and Jimpsy are not so good this year as they were last, but the latter is still very bright and pleasant in the person of Miss Lena Merville. The musical side of "Natural Gas" fell a victim to the orchestra last night. What was the matter is hard to say exactly, but probably if the musicans had a casual acquaintance with the music they are required to play the results would be more harmonious, if less bizarre.

Harris' Theater.

"Prince Methusalem" was the opera selected

by the Kimball Opera Company to open its week's engagement at Harris' Theater. An ex-

cellent impression was made by the company, the chorus work of which is by far the most en-

oyable part of the performance. The drilling of the soldiery shows that careful attention to

details for which Mrs. Jennie Kimball is so well known. There are a number of fresh young

known. There are a number of fresh young voices in the chorus, and there is quite an opportunity for several in the solo parts. Miss Blanche Chapman, as Prince Methusalem, was sprightly and a pretty prince, and Miss Annie Lukke, as Pulcinello, a very sweet bride. Ed Chapman's Siegesmond and Arthur Bell's Cyprian were quite clever. The same opera will be given this afternoon. To-morrow "The Mascot," Thursday, "Queen's Lace Handkerchief." The souvenir matiness are continued this week.

Academy of Music

If you have a desire to begin the new yes

aughing, you cannot do better than trot straightway to Manager Williams' mirth pre-serves on Liberty street. The Kernell Com-

pany there this week is not so remarkable for eccentric features as for all-around power in the fun-making line. Beginning with Harrys-Kernell himself, there are a round dozen men

and women in the company who can make laughter as easy as winking. The other spe-cialists are very good.

Notes of the Stage.

THE two weeks following Miss Mitchell's en

were camp chairs in every corner of the

shrouded figure, time and again, climb up to

come, the shrouded hand would move silently and rapidly from 100 tongue to 100 tongue, and the wild eldritch music would swell out upon the midnight air.

MANY MILLIONS IN TRUSTS.

Substantial Returns Made to the Holders of

Boston's Copper Stocks.

stocks have made substantial returns to their holders the past year, because of the opera-tions of La Societe Industrelle Commerciale des Metaux. Boston has received some \$2,500.

000 more in dividends from its copper stock investments in 1888 than it did in 1887, by reason

of the "syndicate" placing the price of the metal to consumers on a profitable basis for

the mining companies. There is a net increase in the market value of the eight dividend-pay-

ing copper stocks in 1838 of \$16,252,500, or more than 50 per cent. Meanwhile, the aggregate amount of dividends disbursed by these com-panies has increased 170 per cent. The market value of the non-dividend-paying copper stocks

ton's worldly prosperity in a year characterized by by so much shrinkage in railroad stocks.

AMERICAN NEWS IN JAPAN.

Iow the Sackville Incident Was Explaine

by the Tycoon's Editors.

Minister at Washington "be handed his pass-port" for trying to influence the election, and

THEIR HANDS QUITE FULL.

Sponsors of the Republican Tariff Bill Sit-

ting in Continuous Session.

most unexampled activity is upon the Republi-can members of Senate Finance sub-Committee

in charge of the substitute for the Milis bill. Messrs. Morrill, Allison, Aldrich, Sherman and

Hiscock are in almost continuous session in the

Hiscock are in almost continuous session in the effort to make it as near satisfactory to all the interests involved as may be. This can be done only by amending it in some particulars, and the purpose of the sub-committee is to decide what amendments shall be proposed.

«It is necessary that the desired amendments be agreed upon for the entire measure in advance, so that if detailed consideration of the sections of the bill prior to the date fixed for a final vote upon its passage, the 21st of January if possible, the committee may have its changes ready to be proposed in bulk and disposed of in the same way.

BERIAH WILKINS' PAPER.

He Will Likely Begin the New Year as a

special Telegram to the Dispatch.

Washington Editor.

Washington, December 31.—The report is that the Morning, Post, of this city, will on Wednesday be transferred by Mr. Stilon Hutchins to Hon. Beriah Wilkins, of Ohio,

and ex-Postmaster General Hatton, late of the New York Press. It is stated on good au-

New York Press. It is stated on good authority that Mr. Wilkins has made the first payment, and that the sale is absolute, the sum paid being \$190,000.

It is said that Hatton will have entire charge of the paper, and that Mr. Wilkins has put in his money simply as an investment, and because he intends to make Washington his home in future. He already has large vested interests here, and during the last year has erected for his own occupancy one of the finest residences on Massachusetts avenue.

MAIL DELIVERY INSURED.

An Absolute Guarantee of Safety in Trans-

mission to be Purchaseable.

NEW YORK, December 31 .- A New York in-

surance company commences on January 2 to

insure money, bonds and securities, as well as packages of merchandise, sent by registered mail. The insurance amounts to an absolute

guarantee. The insurance begins simulta-neously with the receipt by the insured of the

neously with the receipt by the insured of the usual certificate of the postmaster, indicating that the package has been deposited in the postoffice for registration, and continues until the postoffice employes at the office of destination have delivered it.

The Government assumes no liability for loss of a registered package.

EMANCIPATION'S BIRTHDAY.

Great Preparations for Celebrating the

Quarter-Centennial In New York.

special Telegram to the Dispatch.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The colored peo-

ple here are taking an active interest in the

celebration of the twenty-fifty anniversary of

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, December 31,-A season of al'

okio Letter to New York Tribune.]

Boston, December 31.-Boston's

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

from the Atlanta Journal.

CURIOUS COND

-That Rockland Me., schoolma'am has the street, in front of the church. Every night for years an old policeman, who had grown old and decrepit in the service of his country and lastly of his city, kept watch at the door. He had seen many strange sights, and he always said that the strangest he had ever seen was the dead man ringing the chimes from the belfry of old St. Michael's. He had seen the

paid her election bet by selling peanuts post-office all day, and made \$57, which given to a local charity. —A young pastor in Maine distributes every Sunday to his auditors a printed skeleton of his morning sermon. He wants them to carry something home with him, he says. It is hoped that they take home something more than bones.

shrouded figure, time and again, climb up to the bells, and, not touching the ropes, which had been pulled so often by living hands, swing the heavy iron tongues against the sides of the bells and class out a fearful melody which thrilled while it horrified the listener.

He would tell you, if you cared to listen to his story, how the ghost had been murdered, for in its normal state it had been murdered by the thrust of an Italian stilletto in Elliot street. The spirit was to "walk the earth," "revisit the glimpses of the moon," ring the old chimes, and do other horrible things, until the murderer was captured.

A few minutes before midnight the old watchman would see this spectral chimer enter the church doors, forgetting to open them, swiftly and in a very ghostly way glide up the steps of the winding stair, pause under the bells by the ropes where Gadsden rings them, pass swiftly on without touching them, climb on into the gloomy belify and stop beneath the open mouths of the bells. They yawned down upon it, as if striving to swallow up the restless spirit. Suddenly, as if the inspiration had come, the shrouded hand would move silently and rapidly from iron tongue to iron tongue, and the wild eldritch music would swell out -Students before being admitted to the University of Mississippi are required to appear before a board of professors and answer whether they have any firearms about them or whether some person or persons had any in Keeping for them. If so they must be delivered ap before the applicants age declared full thindexire.

—At a farmers' meeting in Warren, Pa.,
D. M. Davis gave an account of a sad experiment in feeding sulphur to his hogs two years
ago, by which he lost \$400 worth. He also made
a bad break recently by giving buckwheat
shorts to these finnicky animals, and eight pigs
and five shoats died in consequence. Mr.
Davis is now prejudiced against buckwheat in
any form. -George Lincoln, of Coatesville, Pa., has just fallen heir to \$11,000 in a curious way. An

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just fallen heir to \$11,000 m a curious way. An elderly German visiting this country some years ago met Lincoln and took a fancy to him. The German returned to Europe after a time and Lincoln had forgotten all about him until he was informed recently that the old man was dead and had left him his entire estate. Lincoln is a journeyman printer and has set type in every State in the Union. -A tramp passed through Augusta, Me. called "English Charley," who quoted scrip-ture as glibly as he gave a history of the prize ring, and narrated the story of the Rebellion,

giving all the battles and skirmishes in which the Union army was victorious or defeated as clearly as he discussed the events of the present day. Thirty-three years ago he was a soldier in the English army, and he vivaciously told the story of the fall of Sebastapol in 1866, which he witnessed -Five tramps who entered the village of Burlington, Wis., on Christmas Day, begged money of the citizens and purchased tools generally used by burglars. The residents begenerally used by burgiars. The residents became suspicious and the viliage officers and merchants procured guns and watched at night for the supposed criminals. Notwithstanding the precaution taken, the fellows blew open two safes, securing \$500 in notes and \$500 in money. They also entered five residences in the heart of the viliage, and although the notes were found in a railroad yard, the thieves

value of the non-dividend-paying copper stocks has increased in equal proportion, some of them even more, adding the present market value of the dozen or se non-dividend-paying but producing Lake Superior mines and including the Butte and Boston, Santa Fe, and other companies, and it is safe to figure the grand total market value of Boston's copper companies at \$62,000,000.

Comparing this with the market value of Boston copper properties a year ago, shows -Epitaph on a tombstone in the Island of Esq., who died the 22d of September, 1739, age 80 years. He was born at Montpelier, in So years. He was born at Montpelier, in France, which place he left for his religion and settled in this island, where, in the great earthquake in the year 1802, he was swallowed up, and by the great providence of God, by a second shock, was thrown out into the sea, where he continued swimming till he was taken up by a heat and miraculously preserved. He afterward lived in great reputation and was universally lamented." Comparing this with the market value of Boston copper properties a year ago, shows fully \$10,000,000 increase by reason of the organization of new companies and the appreciation in value of the old and smaller properties added to the \$16,262,500 appreciation, shown in the eight dividend payers, as above tabulated, gives the total increase as considerable over \$25,000,000—a very substantial addition to Boston's world's properties in a very dispersion.

-It is said that the town of Howland, Me., derived its name from the exclamation made by an adventurous white man, who fell in love with and stole away from her father's wigwam, a young and beautiful squaw. He was pursued down the Piscataquis, where he took his sweetheart into his camoe and boldly paddled out into the foaming waters. In hot pursuit came the dusky sons of the forest, and reaching the banks of the swift flowing waters. When the telegraph informed Japan that the American press had demanded that the British they saw the white samp nearing the shore. They set up cries of rage which continued through the night. When these came to his ears he proudly lifted his head each time, and in classical English cried back: "Howi and be durned."

port" for trying to influence the election, and that President Cleveland had recommended a change of ministers, there was in a few Japanese newspaper offices considerable flurry and excitement. The expression "be banded his passport" was a puzzle. But the dispatch had to be put into print at once lest some rival paper get ahead. There was no alternative, no time to inquire; and, necessity knowing neither law nor mercy, the perplexed translator had to take the leap in the dark with a result evident enough to a bewildered public on the day folowing.

One paper said: "On account of his having taken part in the Presidental election, the American press demands that the British Min--An engineer on the Danville Railway, between Danville and Springfield, Ill., has a cat that loves railroading. For several years the cat has journeyed with the engineer on his regular runs, usually sitting in the cab window take the leap in the dark with a result evident chough to a bewildered public on the day following.

One paper said: "On account of his having taken part in the Presidental election, the American press demands that the British Minister at Washington shall hand back his passport." Another informed its readers: The American press demands that the British Minister at Washington shall have an itinerary in order to enable him to employ persuasion on the Presidental election." A third paper gave the following rendering: "The British Ambasting to a bewilder to the day of the beling the call window before its master. Sometimes in fine weather its trolls out on the pilots and lies there for hours at a stretch, blinking at the dogs that bark as the train thunders by. Sometimes it strolls out on the pilots and lies there for hours at a stretch, blinking at the dogs that bark as the train thunders by. Sometimes it strolls out on the pilots and lies there for hours at a stretch, blinking at the dogs that bark as the train thunders by. Sometimes it strolls out on the pilots and lies there for hours at a stretch, blinking at the dogs that bark as the train thunders by. Sometimes it there undisturbed by the shriek of the whistle or the clang of the bell. The cat used to belong the engineer's wife, who is dead, and be wouldn't part with it for love or money. The engine has had good luck ever since the cat attached itself to it, and the train hands think that it is a mascot.

-A Chicago man got on a State street car the other day, carrying in his hand a quart can of oysters. He took a seat near the center of of oysters. He took a seat near the center of the car and carefully slid the can under the seat near the stove-pipe. The conductor had deadened his fire with fresh coal while going around the loop, but as the car bowled along State street the coal caught and burned upright merrily until the stove-lid became red-hot. Then the appetizing odor of cooking oysters was distributed through the car. The man who owned the hardward the car. The what was happening until it was too late, and when he alighted at his destination he carried home a dry stew instead of a quart of raw selects.

-M. F. Pappy, of Tallahassee, has an in-—M. F. Pappy, of Tallahassee, has an interesting family relic. It is a hard-carved ivory card case, of most intricate design, being entirely covered with cute little figures and forms. Upon one side is represented the temb of Napoleon, which is clearly seen through the droop's branches of a weeping willow, and abov 'slow it are guards and various oth uted figures. It is a mystery ho' carved the little tomb behind the trun, illow and made it so perfect in shape, ther side of the case shows, in the foreground, Longwood house and St. Helena, which is inclosed by a nest little fence, with trees, houses, men, etc., in the background. The edges and top are also handsomely carved. This little case is an old heirloom, which has been in the family over 50 years.

NEW YEAR'S WIT.

A Mother Wanted—Repentant Son— Mother, you warned me, when I married Miss De Pink, that I'd made my bed and must lie on it. Mother—Indeed I did. "Well, I shan't ask you to remake the bed, but I do wish you'd come and superintend the cook-ing."—New York Weekly.

Stranger (to life insurance agent)—I be-

lieve I will take out a policy in your company. Agent—Your business, please?

Stranger—I am a detective.

Agent—The premium will be 50 per cent less than the regular list. The death risk on a detective is merely nominal.—Pioneer Press.

Opera in Italian-Mrs. Pinks (at a new Italian opera) - Wasn't she graceful then?
Husband (eyes on libretta) - Didn't notice. I'm
following the plot. Did the action seem to fit the situation and music?

Mrs. Pinks-Mercy me! How can I tell? I am not following the plot, I'm watching the stage.—New

There are some men who cannot comprehead that very frequently in life the game is not worth the candle. Ben Jackson was one of them.

'That makes the tenth match you have struck. "That makes the tenth match you have struck.
What are looking for?" asked his room-mate one
evening, as Ben was striking a match and looking
under the table.
"I dropped a match, and I am trying to find it,"
replied Ben.—Texas Siftings. Complimenting the Press .- Guest (regis-

complimenting one rices. "Lee Davis Jackson, editor Paralyser, Hunker's Hollow, Ark.")

"You compliment the press, I presume?
Hotel Clerk—Compliment the press? Certainly.
You write a beautiful hand, sir; you do, indeed.

Guests without baggage are required to pay in advance. Four dollars, please, Mr. Jackson.— Chicago Tribune.

An Unsuccessful Seance-Superstitious roung man (to blairvoyant)-Can you reveal the

dark secrets of the future?

Clairy yant - With the aid of my powerful horoscope I can, for 50 cents; but I must go into a Young Man-All right; here's your 50 cents, and

you can get into your trance as soon as you like. I only want to ask you one question. (Clairvoyant in a trance.) Do Sullivan and Kilrain ever mean

YOUR PROPOSAL.

to fight? Clairvoyant (arousing from the trance)-Here's your 50 cents young man: you must ask me some-

You may make it in vernacular,

Or, if you like, in Greek;

Either lofty and oracular Or stammering and meek; You may make it in the garden or

Beside a drygoods chute; You may threaten ne'er to pardon her If she rejects your suit;

You may rant it or may murmur

Like some pure, meandering stream; You may frown at her, or term her The Zenbbia of your dream. Anyhow you choose to fake it You in no wise are debarred.

If you only do not make it

card.
-Philadelphia Times

PITTSBURG DISPATCH. MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING THE TOPICAL TALKER. Washington Pastors Don't Consider the In-

Really a Shame to Tell All Thes Secrets About Lovely Woman. Two servants of Irish birth lived with a amily in the suburbs of Pittsburg for nearly s years, and the other day one of them Naturally the other was in great grief. she is a big-hearted woman and a good deal of position of President's sons to put both feet

"In all the years," she said to a friend who was condoling with her,"I've lived in the house with Maggie I've never heard her say a single word behind my back, never a word !" And she hadn't the least idea of committing who has again been exhibiting his ability to "bull" when she said it, either.

Mn. Eve-Have you packed that trunk yet? Mrs. Eve-Yes, dear-everything's in it but he Bible. standpoint. But the people might find Mr. Eve—The Bible? What do you mean?
Mrs. Eve—I wouldn't like to lose a trunk ithout a Bible in it. I can always identify it by the Bible, you know. proof-reading, the phrase "A New Holy Family," which was written as a heading

WHAT won't girls try in the attempt to achieve beauty?

A young women of Pittsburg who has enough good looks, if she only knew it, to make her way in the world, has been trying all sorts of queer and quack receipts for beauty. In particular she has set her heart and her mind and the man and the man and the soft and velocity of the soft and velocity. her hands upon making her flesh soft and vel-vety, a quality which can be no more acquired nostrums than by Act of Congress. But th perseverance worthy of a better cause, this damsel has been toiling off and on to give her checks and neck and hands the

the comforting reflection on the other hand, elvety softness of the peach.
Generally, I have been able to detect the course of some ridiculous treatment by the greater or less resemblance her skin bore to that of the leopard, who, sensible beast that he is, rejoices in his spots. The last experiment, lonly know by hearsay, has frightened Made moiselle so badly that I guess she'll hereafter leave her complexion and her epidermis alone, In the strictest confidence I may tell you that Boulanger's divorce suit is intended to In the strictest confidence I may tell you that the last experiment was a beautifully simple thing. Before retiring for the night, Made-moiselle applied to her face, neck and hands poultices of bread and milk. She slept all night through—how she did it I don't know—with these sloppy embraceand himself. Bonaparte and Boulanger if the latter hero divorces his wife, there will nents upon her. In the morning she arose and ran to the glass the first thing to see the won ders worked by the poultices. There were wonders, indeed! But not what she expected. Potter's appearance as Cleopatra indicate that the poetic and tragic capabilities of M. Her skin had shriveled up; it looked like a Worth's version of the play are very strik-

but poor Bollvar has refused thus far to rest his weary limbs while the noise keeps up. Once in a long while he closes his eyes for a few minutes, and then with a great dignity opens them." fountain of fire.

But, unlike "She," she recovered her pristine

the Past Year.

8,623, in addition to which there were hundred

gagement at the Bijou will be devoted to Mr.
William Gillette's celebrated plays, "Held by
the Enemy," on January 7, and "She" on Janducts for 1888 were about \$800,000,000, against \$671,000,000 in 1879. The value of the live stock is now \$575,000,000, while in 1879 it was \$391,400,000. The production of grain rose from 431,400,000. The production of grain rose from 431,400,000 bushels in 1887, an increase of nearly 200,000,000 bushels.

the following rendering: "The British Ambas-sador is going to be utilized. The American press recommends that his passport shall be handed to him in order that he may be in a position to assist at the Presidental election." What a deluge of subtle irony these transla-tors have put into their work, all unconsciously and with malice toward none: broad invitation to New Year's callers this day at the Casino Museum. She will be assisted by two Albinos, Turtle Boy George and a host of her freaks equally astonishing. The the FIVE HAD GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

A Family in Which Long Married Life Has Been the Rule. From the Philadelphia Press. Were the query of Mona Caird as to whether marriage is a failure propounded to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Felten, who on Thursday night celebrated their golden wedding at their home 1723 Gratz street, it would receive a most pro

nounced negative. Mrs. Felten is the last of five granddaughters of George Esher, who was a drummer boy in the Continental army at the battle of Germantown, to celebrate her golden wedding.

Mr. Felten is 75 years old, and his wife, hale and hearty, has reached the age of 73 years.

Mr. Felten comes of a long-fived and prolific
family. His father and mother were the parents of 16 sons and 5 daughters, 11 of whom are still living, the oldest of whom has reached the ad-

ranced age of 82 years. Mrs. Felton is the last

surviving daughter of a family of 11 daughters, five of whom had the unusual experience of celebrating their golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Felten are the parents of five children, and four grandchildren will carry down the name to posterity. ONLY A DAY OR SO NEEDED. General Harrison Thinks Short Work Can

be Made of One Case. pecial Telegram to the Dispatch. Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—If a little story told by a gentleman who has just returned from Indianapolis be true, it is evident that President Harrison has kept bimself pretty well informed in regard to those Democratic officials who have been guilty of most offensive partianship from the Republican standpoint. The gentleman says that during a call he and others made upon the President elect the name of the public printer was mentioned, and some one suggested that he would be a good subject for the early attention of the headsman.

headsman.
Mr. Harrison smiled and said: "I expect to
be pretty busy the day following my inauguration, but on the next day I think I shall have a
little leisure to look after the case of Mr. Bene-Its Friends.

Complimentary Names to the New Posts

NEW YORK, December 3L.—The old year went out with a big hullabaloo in the City Council to-day. The Aldermen who do not wish an to-day. The Aldermen who do not wish an electric motor in Fourth avenue put up a job on the Aldermen who do. They declared the meeting illegal, because to-morrow is the regular day for holding it. They then scurried out of the room, without giving the friends of the electric motor time to argue with them. The Council was left with no quorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms tried to bring back the bolters, but they frightened him off with bad language. Then every one adjourned to the corridors to call some other Aldermen hard names.

CARVER'S GREAT RECORD.

With 60,670 Cartridges He Makes a Score of 60,000 Hits.

the ganglia and vasomotor centers of your cerebral tissue until you are dead, dead, dead, and may the Lord have mercy on what is left cartridges which he shot we' Sending Rocks to Oregon. signifying "there is nothing here." Then they had better call it something else. The United Then they From the Portland Oregonian.]

Stick Them Down With Resolution. In thinking over the sort and the number of "new leaves" to be turned over at the begin-ning of the new year it is wise to lay in a sup-ply of the glue of a firm resolution to stick them

From the New York World.

amusement has been created here by the sudden swakening of the out-of-town clergy to the sin-fulness of the inauguration ball. Presidents Garfield and Hayes were both good Christians,

but not even the clergy or the members of their church thought of criticising the ball or find-ing fault with their attendance upon it. The truth is the so-called ball cannot properly be called a ball. Very few of the great throng

called a ball. Very few of the great throug which invariably attends this President's first night care to dance or find opportunity to dance. It is really the President's first public reception. Presidents who have been accustomed to dance have sometimes led the dance, but this has happened rarely.

Of the society crushes that occur during the season in Washington the inauguration ball is by all cdds the most harmless. This is so well known to the people at Washington that the local clergy have never thought of preaching against the practice, and because of their neglect they have been condemned by their outside brethren for their supposed encouragement of immorality. Rev. Dr. Bartlett, now of this city, who has twice had charge of churches which were attended by President Harrison, declares that he does not find anything sinful in the inauguration ball, and is of the opinion that Mr. Harrison will not choose this occasion to administer a rebuke to persons who differ with himself in regard to dancing.

The custom of the ball originated far back in the early days of the Republic, and is looked upon rather as an occasion associated with that memorable day than as an opportunity for giddy people to gratify their love of dancing.

BOLIVAR CAN'T SLEEP. Jeniousy and Railroad Trains Make Elephant's Life Miserable.

terday. "He has not laid down once since his arrival. Elephants generally lie down and take a nap of three hours duration every night, piece of corrugated canvas, or rine roofing painted white. In fact she reminded herself of "She" after the final passage through the

ooks. And she has foresworn poultices for ever. Beware thou also in time! "Come to your wedding, my dear boy?" said the undertaker to a young man in the shadow of matrimony; "you bet I will. And, say, when you die I'll give you the finest funeral you ever

In a Pittspurg harber's, or I should say ton sorial parlors, the other day a fair friend of mine settled herself calmly down to have her bang trimmed. There is nothing they say-that is the only possible authorities, the ladies say—nothing so intensely gratifying as to have an unruly, tangled up, ill-tempered, uneven bang refluced to orderly comeliness by the scissors of an artistic barber. In the eestacy of passing through this operation my fair friend happened to look from her com-partment or screened stateroom, in which each estomer is secluded at this particular shopmean parlor-into the mirror in front of her. She was astonished at what she saw.

fighter of African descent it will be further apparent that the achievements of this col-The glass showed in a stateroom, at the other ored citizen just hits the New York idea of hands of a barber, but she seemed to be enduring the most excruciating pain. Her features were twisted as if by acute physical torture. It was really impossible to look at unmoved.

I "What, in the name of goodness?" said my bility for the new House rule to prevent filibustering on "suspension days," on the fair friend to the tonsorial professor, who was respectfully clipping the left flank of her voluback of the Oklahoma bill; but is it quite certain that the Pacific Railroad bills have minous bang, "what, in the name of gracious, is that woman doing?" "Oh, that's a lady who comes here ev'ry four

Cost Nothing at All.

city. William Euston, a wealthy furniture dealer, who died nearly half a century ago, left

all his property to the city for the purpose of establishing a home modeled after that in

Canterbury, England, his birthplace. Nothing

steps were taken to execute the trust. Ar-

of the testator, and about \$200,000 was placed at the disposal of the trustees, the village was

begun and 20 substantial cottages were built.

Most of them are now occupied.

The village will consist of 40 cottages. The

FORTY YEARS ON THE STAGE.

Coach Since 1848.

country where the railroad and telegraph are

not yet known, and where the graceful deer and

Trouble for New York Judges.

lentific and to the point: "I therefore sent

main confined until - the - day of -, 188-,

between the hours of - and - A. M., when you

will be taken to a cell specially designed for that purpose, be forcibly seated in a properly insulated chair, with one cheophore placed upon the junction of your frontal and, parietal

sutures and the other just over your medulla

oblongata, and then and there made conductor for an alternating current of 1,800 volts in-

tensity from a dynamo constructed for that specific purpose, said current to pass through

Not Well Named.

"Canada" is said to be a Portuguese word

States has several citizens over there who

went away in a hurry. We know there is some-

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Charles Maxwell Allen.

BERMUDA, December 31.—Charles Maxwell Al-len, the United States Consul for Bermuda, died at his residence, "Wistowe" Flatts, Monday, De-

Judge C. B. Sleeper.

BRAINERD, MINN., December 31.—Judge C. B. Siesper, of the Fifteenth Judicial district, died this morning. He has been prominent in Minne-ota politics for many years.

From the Chicago Times.:

From the New York World.1

BANGOR, ME., December 31.-Harvey Ward,

Yaukee Who Has Driven a Little Red

gements were made with the surviving heirs

CHARLESTON, December 31 .- Over 60 indi-

nothing to do with it? or five weeks, ma'am," the professor answered in a whisper, "to have de white hairs pulled outen her head. It's pow'ful hard on her—but, MR. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL an nounces that he has nothing to say about bress you, she have come for years now."
"Don't the white hairs grow in again?" porary to renew the accusation that he is a "Ob course dey do, ma'am-and more fre-quenter as dey are pulled out!" the generally-received opinion that labor | mugwump. Mr. Lowell has not denied his organizations always support the cause of mugwumpery that we have heard of; but it strikers irrespective of the justice or wrong is no more than discreet to note that a very A VILLAGE FOR THE INDIGENT. Southern Town Where Accom investigate whether the strike, on account say just at present, whom the wildest

> THE rice in cas shares may perhaps be due to the growing conviction that there is more gas in the vicinity of Pittsburg than it was the fashion to think, a few months ago. That, at least, is the sanguine and hopeful theory to take of it.

THE drop in the price of high wines has taken place as announced and the Whisky Trust is throwing away its money in the endeavor to freeze out the independent concerns. After the squeeze is over, the trust organs will adopt the usual policy of pect that there is wrong on the part of the holding up the low prices as an example of the ruinous effect of competition.

> reported for a recess before the body has convened. the use of his vehicles free of charge and broke up the trust. He moved upward of 20 of the inmates without charge. The Euston Home is one of the largest charitable institutions in the South. It will, when completed, afford com-fortable homes to upward of 200 indigent per-THE preliminary injunction is taking a hand in the making of gas rates at New Castle also. Would it not have been just as well in the long run for the corporations to have permitted competition to fix the rates rather than to let that question resolve

the corporations? PERSONAL FACTS AND FANCIES. MR. BRIGHT believes in phrenology.

THE "Bantam of Berlin" forbids his ser ants to wear mustaches. EX-SENATOR ROLLINS, of New Hampshire ssteadily regaining health. MR. GLADSTONE says he can quote from

memory any page of Homer of which the first MR. ALVAN CLARK has gone to Denver to arrange for the construction of a telescope with a 20-inch lens for the college there. KARAGEORGVITCH, Pretender to the Ser

vian throne, has come into a fortune. But he would doubtless exchange his bank notes for a RIDER HAGGARD is very much appoved at the attacks of critics on his recent works. But he has had his revenge. The critics had to

read his book. THE most prominent brigand in China, Ho Ta Lao-bu, has been captured and killed. He was a giant, being 7 feet 2 inches in height and broad in proportion. He had been concerned in a great many robberies and a large number of murders. Li Hung Chang, Viceroy of China, made up his mind that the burly ruffian must be checked in his career. Ho Ta Lao-hu made a bold fight against the troops sent to arrest him, but was fatally wounded during the

An interesting account is given of the last bours of Prievalsky, the Russian explorer and "annexation intriguer," by his comrade, Mr. Robarowsky. Knowing that death was inevitable, he made some final arrangements, and asked whether he would live till the piorning. Being reassured by the doctor on this head, he remarked: "Then the rest to-merrew; we will send telegrams. One request only, do not for-get that I desire strenuously to be buried on the banks of Issik Koul, in the full costume of the expedition. Let them photograph me for my family, with the lancaster gun, which I leave to Robarowsky." Prievalsky then told the doctor not to hide from him the approach of death, which he feared not at all, having often enough been face to face with death be-fore. "He scolded ua," says Robarowsky, "and called us women-folk, when he saw us THE ante-inauguration labors of the President-elect may be conceded to be severe and incid intervals. Suddenly he sprang out of dent-elect may be conceded to be severe and operous; but there does not seem to be much bed and stood upright, supported by those present doubt as to the fact that Mr. Russell Harrihe said: "Now I am going to lie down." He

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—Bolivar, the mammoth elephant, cannot sleep. He is troubled with the worst form of insomnia, and the authorities at the Zoological Garden and his keeper have made a critical investigation, due to the continual rattle and noise of the trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which roll within 50 yards of Bolivar's domicile. The old fellow has grown quite crusty from loss of sleep, in spite of the fact that he has been on the road with circus companies for the past 18 years. "Bolivar has not slept a wink since he has been here," said Head Keeper Byrne yes

few minutes, and then with a great dignity opens them."

Bolivar's keepers also affirm that there is another reason for his insomnia. He has two room-mates Empress and Jennie. The latter has been very jealous of Bolivar since his arrival because he seems to show a greater amount of affection for the Empress. Every chance Jennie gets she buts against good-natured Bolivar, and acts in a very rude way toward him. This family trouble has annoyed the newcomer considerably, and he seems to fear lest if in an unguarded moment he allows himself to be wafted into the balmy arms of Somnus Jennie might be influenced by the green snake of jealousy to play sad havoc on his carcass.

GROWTH OF THE NEW SOUTH.

Review of the Phenomenal Progress BALTIMORE, December 31.—The Manufac-furers' Record, in its annual review of the South's industrial progress, shows that the capital represented by new mining and manu-

facturing enterprises organized in 1888 was \$168,800,000. During 1888 there were organized in the South 3,618 new enterprises, against 3,490 in 1887, and 1,575 in 1886, a total for three years of 8,623, in addition to which there were hundreds of small enterprises, such as grist mills, gins, etc., not counted in this enumeration.

In the South, since 1880, 20,000 miles of new railroad have been built, and over \$700,000,000 have been spent in building new roads and improving old ones. Cotton mills have increased from 180, with 15,222 looms and 713,989 spindles in 1880, to over 300 mills with about 38,000 looms and 1,800,000 spindles, while many mills are under construction, and many old ones being enlarged. The value of cotton goods made in the South was \$21,000,000 in 1880, and nearly \$50,000,000 for 1888. In 1880 there were 40 cotton seed oil mills in the South, now there are about 180, with about \$12,000,000 invested.

The value of the South, now there are about 180, with about \$12,000,000 invested.

The value of the South's agricultural products for 1888 were about \$800,000,000, against \$71,000,000 in 1879. The value of the live stock \$71,000,000 in 1879.

CLOSING UP THE YEAR.

gent elderly persons were housed to-night in the Euston Home village, in the suburbs of the Lively Scenes on the Floor of the Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, December 31.—The boys on the Board of Trade celebrated the close of business for the year in a way that would have made a band of Apache Indians wild with envy, and sent cold chills down the backs of the howling terrors of the New York Stock was done about it until the administration of Mayor Courtenay, about nine years ago, when Exchange. Plug hats were knocked off and

Exchange. Plug hats were knocked off and kicked to pieces. Neatly dressed traders were pelted with flour and rushed and tumbled about until their clothes were literally torn off them. Toy cannons; were fired, and many a nervous man thought the Anarchists were trying to blow up the building.

At length President Hutchinson read the rioters a lesson. He said that their actions would disgrace even a crowd of toughs, and were decidedly out of place in a representative body of business men. Not only that, but it was an iffustice to men who were trying to do business and close up their trades for the year. He wanted the nonsense stopped at The village will consist of 40 cottages. The cottages are of brick and granite, and are provided with all the latest improvements in the way of heating, lighting and sanitary arrangements. The inmates are supplied with fuel, light, water and other conveniences, have a pension and a plot of ground for cultivation. When the applicants received their appointments, the truckmen got up a corner, charging \$2 a load for moving the furniture. J. M. Connelly, a prominent undertaker, at once offered the use of his vehicles free of charge and broke up the trust. He moved upward of 20 of the

year. He wanted the nonsense stopped at once, and said he would suspend for a week any member guilty of disobedience.

COOLED HIS ARDOR. Lover Backs Out Because His Affiance Kissed Other Men.

pecial Telegram to the Dispatch. NEW YORK, December 31 .- Patrick Murrigan loved Mary Fitzimmons six months ago, and he promised to marry her. He bought her a sealskin sacque, a pair of silk stockings and a sealskin sacque, a pair of silk stockings and some jeweiry. They intended to be married yesterday. Mrs. Fitzimmons hired a hall, a priest and bought a fruit cake.

All these details were related to-day in a complaint against Murrigan for breach of promise, for he did not come to the wedding. He said he found out at the last minute that Mary let other men kiss her while she was engaged to him. He is in jall. who drives the stage between East Eddington and Bangor, is the oldest stage driver in the whole Eastern country. His route is only a dozen miles long, but it takes him into a

. ALDERMANIC TACTICS. Opponents of a Scheme Put Up a Job or

lumbering bear cross the road every day— where, in fact, a person might easily imagine himself a thousand miles from any city. Harvey always eats his Thanksgiving dinner in Bangor, and at the same hotel, and on last Thanksgiv-ing Day he drove up to the Windsor for his fortieth consecutive annual feast in the identi-cal red coach which he drew up at the same door on Thanksgiving Day, 1848. Special Telegram to the Dispatch. Exactly how to sentence a criminal to death under the new law is at present puzzling the Criminal Court Judges. The following form possesses the practical value of being terse. you to be taken to Sing Sing prison, there to re-

MINNEAPOLIS, December 31.-The greatest feat of marksmanship on record was com-pleted at 2:30 o'clock this morning when Dr. Carver was gladdened by the score of 60,000 hits out of 60,670 shots. There were but few spectators present when the doctor finished the hardest task he ever tackled. He looked pretty well worn when the last gun was n-looked like the man who opened fire at w halls at 10 o'clock last Monday morni

The S. G. Reed brought down a singula.

ter General has directed that the eight new postal cars just completed for the New York and Chicago line be named as follows: "Daniel Mannino", "Mr. Justice Field," "Governor Felch," (ex-Governor of Michigan): "George S. Bangs," (ex-General Superintendent and founder of the railway mail service): "Governor Palmer," (of Illinois): "Governor Gray," (of Indiana): "W. F. Vilas" and "Allen G. Thurman." This line, it is said, is the heaviest railway post in the world.

called the friend darling and kissed him under the left ear. The friend went straight to Mr.

of cargo Monday morning in the shape of som. stone sinkers for buoys, weighing 5,500 pounds apiece. They came all the way from Pittsburg —rather a long way to haul rock to Astoria and pay \$50 a ton freight on it when rock just as good could be had close by. The mistake was probably that while iron sinkers were ordered by the officers here, the stone article was sent.

Too Free With Her Klases, 1 sectal Telegram to the Dispatch. NEW YORK, December 31.-Harris Adelso was divorced from his wife to-day. She made love to one of his friends two weeks ago. She

A HEAVY RAILWAY POST.

Cars of the Chicago-New York Line.

WASHINGTON, December 31.-The Postmas

ter General has directed that the eight new

VHAT'S IN A NAME? thman whose name was Wemyssl at last, so it semyss,
se the people would not
erstand that they ought
am not Weemis, but Weems,

ther whose last name was Knollys Tried vainly to vote at the pollys; But no ballot he cast Because till the last The clerk couldn't call Knolliss Noiss. And then a young butcher named Beivoir Went and murdered a man with a clevoir Because the man couldn't, Or possibly wouldn't,

ounce his name properly Beever. ere was an athlete named Strachan Who had plenty of sinew and brack And he'd knock a man down With an indignant frown,

celebration of the twenty-fity anniversary of President Lincoln's publication of the Emanci-pation Proclamation. For some time various committees have been making preparations for the celebration and a big time is assured. Frederick Douglass, Rev. Dr. Derrick, B. K. Bruce, and many other prominent colored men have been invited to speak. Next Wednesday evening and Cooper Union will probably be the time and place.

Mrs. Gould Still Paralyzed. Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Mrs. Gould passed a fairly comfortable night. Her physician says to-day that the fact that she was removed from one bed to another yesterday must not be accepted as evidence of any great improvement in his patient. She is still completely paralyzed on one side.

Merely a Coincidence. From the Philadelphia Hecord. 1

There is no sinister suggestion in the fact that the sun will go into eclipse on the very day the State legislatures are to convene. It will "just happen so" that's all.

If he falled to pronounce his name Strawn

employers wherever there is a strike. Investigation having shown the contrary in this case, the miners take the very wise THE indication that the Legislature is course of refusing to be bound by a needgoing to follow in the steps of its predecesless and ill-tounded strike. That is unsors, is very strong when arrangements are doubtedly the right policy. It is hard enough to support the necessary conflicts without accepting the burden of the unshipped by round lots to Findlay, and the necessary and foolish sort. State should take it upon itself to see that the business is either stopped or strictly regu-DOESN'T NEED A DICTIONARY. lated. The glass factory is a hard enough The gifts which have been showered upon school for boys who have homes and par-General Harrison since his election have ents of their own; and charitable institunot been notable in the main for usefulness. tions should direct their efforts rather to There is nothing particularly useful in a itself into a football between the courts and finding homes for their charges than to jack rabbit, for instance, even to a man who pushing them unprotected into factory life. passionately admires that limber animal. But at first sight the two latest presents to WILDCAT BANKING. reach the President-elect are at least useful.

They are sumptuously bound copies of

Worcester's and Webster's Unabridged

Dictionaries. The fact that General Harri-

son has at last received a present which is not a positive nuisance is important enough in itself, but the significance of the gift transcends the mere matter of its utility. The motives of the publishers who sent the dictionaries were probably compound-half patriotism and half a keen appreciation of the benefits of advertising. But underlying, as it were, these motives, there would seem to exist a new comprehension of Presidental duties. The publishers would seem to imply that a President of the United States cannot get along without the largest dictionary published. And this implication doubtless has its origin in the part that the dictionary and the encyclopædia have played in Mr. Cleveland's administration. Presidental messages during the last four

vears have abounded in long and unusual words which had plainly been extracted for the occasion from an unabridged dictionary. We trust, however, if the publishers hope to see their dictionaries dominate the literature of General Harrison when he becomes President, that they will be disappointed. Ten-barrelled words and cunningly contrived combinations of them are not wanted in the epistles of a President to the American Jated system like that which has stood the test people. Wisdom is most sure of reaching of twenty-five years under the national its proper destination in small verbal packages. On the whole we think the publishers would have done better to have given their

precious volumes to President Cleveland. His dictionary must be nearly worn out. THE Hartupee claim, crushed to earth nce more in the county courts, will rise

again by an appeal to the Supreme Court.

to leave the honors decidedly on the side of the attentions from the hospitable or the the immigrant don politic, has been dined by the whole list of estic. Society is in need of more such girls. aspirants from Charles Emory Smith up to Morton, Childs and Wansmaker, and has the entree behind the scenes at the burlesque opera. There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Harrison, junior will enjoy the

private life.

next four years very much, if the fatal dis-

in it, does not necessitate his retirement to

MAYOR GLEASON, of Long Island City.

tear up railroads that illegally encroach on

public property, would not be a good Mayor to run for President, from the corporation

some attractions in that sort of a candidate.

By a compositor's error, overlooked in

to the excellent sermon by Rev. George

yesterday's DISPATCH, appeared in print

as a "A New Holy Trinity." Of course the

context at once showed the error. Rev. Mr.

Hodges, we can well understand, must have

felt all the resources of his charity drawn

upon by such a blunder; but there is also

that THE DISPATCH compositors have been

the means of sending, without serious error,

many other of his admirable sermons t

hundreds of thousands of readers who de-

THERE may be something in the idea that

carry out the parallel between Napoleon

are alike in commencing with a "B," and

THE preliminary announcements of Mrs.

ing. It will be the greatest exhibition of

dramatic millinery ever made. There is

reason to question its entire accuracy as ap-

plied to the character of Cleopatra; but

Worth's version of Shakespeare will prob-

ably prove a great success in this age of the

THE panel of jurors which contains the

names of some of the men who are under in-

dictment and to be tried by the juries of

which they are presumably members, is the

It is interesting and encouraging to find

in the New York papers articles headed "A

Great Negro." This looks like a recogni-

tion of progress on the part of the African

race, that should be pleasant to both white

and black. When it is further discovered

that the great negro consists of a prize

It is very convenient to put the responsi-

last idiosyncrasy of our jury system which

calls attention to the necessity of reform.

dressmaker's drama.

light in and profit by them weekly.

be another point of resemblance.

Hodges, of Calvary Episcopal Church, in

Whether they come from Germany or Sweden by steerage passage or even with their fares paid by prearrangement, the presence of domestics who can catch thieves, and turn them over to custody, will fill a long-felt Business Office--97 and 99 Fifth Avenue. want. Possibly the burglarious industry News Rooms and Publishing House--75, may file objections to this class of immigrants; but the owners of houses will rally This paper having more than Double the to their support. Their value is not necess circulation of any other in the State outside rily confined to their own services. They of Philadelphia, its advantages as an advercan not only catch thieves themselves, but the doctrine of heredity allows us to hope that when they marry they may rear sons who in the next generation may become policemen who will catch thieves-if they are not demoralized by political pulls in the meantime. The foreign domestic of thieftaking proclivities will become immensely popular, and her achievements may yet go to the height of proving that the best thing this country can do is to fill up its police systems with recruits of her courage and

fidelity.

The index of business afforded by the

Clearing House exchanges makes a most

gratifying exhibit for the year just closed.

largest in the history of the Clearing House

passing through the Clearing House gained

even on that total by 14 per cent, reaching

the aggregate of \$581,580,644. This indi-

cates a steady expansion in the volume of

trade that speaks volumes for the growth

also noticeable that the speculative ele-

THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY.

The report of the member of the miners'

ing that it was not, and that it involves

only a small number of miners, while the

development of mines offers employment to

a large number of new miners, he recom-

mends that union miners in this vicinity

wishing work accept it in the Texas mines.

Such a course will be based on reliable

information and sound policy. Union men

need no urging to support strikers who are

resisting injustice. Indeed the outside

up to that time, being \$511,010,701. But

The total for 1887 was, we believe, the

A TEDIOUS BIT OF LITIGATION. It is difficult to see how Judge Stowe could have done otherwise than dismiss the application of Mr. Hartupee for a re-opening of the award against him in the arbitration of his difficulty with the city about the water works' engines contract. The ground cited that ex-City Attorney Bigelow had declared to various persons that he persnaded Mr. Lowry, the Arbitrator, to change his decision from one in favor of Hartupe to one adverse, seems in itself tolerably light. Unless there was something behind it in the way of fraud or an improper sort of persuasion, the thought would occur that it was part of Mr. Bigelow's duty as attorney for the city to get a verdict for his client. But as Mr. Bigelow himself took the stand and denied having got Mr. Lowry to change the award, the judgment of the

Court, that such evidence would not warrant a re-opening of the case, was inevitable. It is now fifteen years since the engines were ordered, and during that period the contract has been a constant source of bitter controversy and litigation. No citizen will desire that injustice should be done the contractor; but few will wish that, unless for very clear cause shown, the case so tediously examined in the courts should be started INDICATING RIG RUSINESS.

which have been relegated to desuctude in the last twelve months. The artist has represented 1888 as largely destructive in its results. It is true that it has in its records a bursted cast-steel gun, the old horse cars set down among the relies of a past age, saloon back doors and pool rooms closed, an old city government cast off and a Democratic administration cut short. But we must credit 1888 with works of construction also. It gives us a splendid Court House, a new city charter, the first cable line in Pittsburg, and a Republican national victory.

union who was sent to Texas to investigate um. If 1889 supplements these achieve- the miners' strike and to report whether it ments with the general growth and pros- is permissible for miners from this section politics, which causes a Western cotemperity that were characteristic of 1888, it to accept work there, will give a shock to the wish which is appropriate to the season. In the hope that the blessings of material and moral growth may be enjoyed by Pitts of the strike. Mr. Renny went to Texas to large number of politicians have nothing to burg as a whole, and by all its readers in-

ORPHAN LABOR. The disclosures made from Findlay of the shipping of boys from Eastern orphan asylums to be employed in the glass factories reveals a new phase of child labor that

Happy New Year.

evokes a rather indiscriminate condemnation, but which, however, requires investigation and regulation. That juvenile labor notion has a foundation to this extent that the is required about class factories is wellunion spirit predisposes workingmen to susknown, and that orphan boys should have a chance to earn their living, is not per se an abuse. But the orphans should be guaranteed education, care and security against overwork; while juvenile labor should not be permitted except these requirements are satisfied. The circumstances of this case give us little reason to expect that they are provided in the case of the orphan boys

The failure of several private banking houses in Nebraska recently, calls renewed attention to the weakness and vices of wildcat banking. The insolvency among this class of bankers is not due to any lack of profitable business. On the other hand, the class of money-lending which private banks can practice in Nebraska, and from national banks are excluded, vields higher rates of interest than any other department of the banking business. It is notorious that the great burden of the Nebraska farmer is the high rate which he must pay on mortgage loans. Eight to ten per cent are ordinary rates; but by the time that the banker has collected his commissions and charged his fees for examination of titles, the

farmer who borrows money frequently has to pay 12 to 15 per cent. It is natural to suppose that such profits would result in wealth and solvency among the bankers who get the high rates; and it does so in many cases. But, on the other hand, the temptations to embark in the business with little capital, or to expand credits beyond the limits of safe banking are so many and so entirely unrestrained by State regulation that wildcat banks have become numerous, and are now showing the inevitable percentage of mortality. Such failures show the value of a strictly regu-

banking law. GIRLS WHO CATCH BURGLARS.

Some time ago the efficiency of a Swedish girl in New York who caught a burglar in her room and held him captive till the police arrived, attracted public attention. Her feat was rivaled the other day by a young woman of Chicago, whose name Emilia Kunert, indicates German or Scandinavian origin, and who on discovering a burglar emerging from the house where she was employed as a domestic. gave chase and ran him down into the custody of an officer. These two cases seem New York he is made the recipient of all times and died.

Neents per week, or including the Sunday edition, PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 1889. TWELVE PAGES THE OLD AND NEW YEARS. The world last night took its farewell of welcome to 1889. The Old Year was not a

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BUNDAY DISPATCH, one year.....

tising medium will be apparent.

1888, and this morning extends a cordial bad one. It had many good points, and leaves us more prosperous, richer and, let us hope, wiser and better than it found us. To Pittsburg especially, it has proved kinder than it promised to be when it came in, surrounded by threats of strikes and the overhanging specter of tariff reduction. If the New Year surpasses its promises as its predecessor did, it will be a bright one in

our business annals. The salient points in our local development, both as they have been realized in the past year and as they are hoped for in the new one, are strikingly illustrated in the cartoon which, appears on the first page of THE DISPATCH. The magnificent achievements of labor, supplied with material by capital, appear not only in the bright pictures of coming things, but in those

These, however, on Edward Everett Hale's principle of "looking forward and not back, and energy of our city's commerce. It is may reasonably be cast in the shade by the details of the bright picture which, as typified by the artist, hangs over Pittsburg as in other cities was smaller in this year's the good things anticipated for our city in total than for several years past. No city 1889. The new year is expected to give us can show an aggregate which more nearly in complete form cable or electric transit to represents actual and legitimate transacall parts of the city, a splendid exposition tions than the total of Pittsburg's Clearing building, Allegheny's library building from House exchanges. Mr. Carnegie's generosity and-although this is asking unprecedented progress from the year and the Government architects-the new postoffice building ready for

dividually THE DISPATCH hopes that of which Pennsylvania miners were warned scandals never accused of independence. both the community and the individuals, to keep away, was justifiable or not. Findcollectively and separately, may enjoy a